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QUOTE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE
MONUMENTS OF NUBIA (PHILAE) THROUGH UNESCO
UNQUOTE

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1. PERMDEL IS OF OPINION THAT NO EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CIRCUMVENT THE CUSTOMARY METHODS OF MAKING US CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILAE.
2. ALTHOUGH FUNDING WOULD PROBABLY BE WELCOMED, REGARDLESS OF METHOD, BY UNESCO AND PRESUMABLY ALSO BY GOE, STRAIGHTFORWARD APPROACH MAY, IN LONG RUN, BETTER SERVE OUR INTEREST.

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3. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A POPULAR PROGRAM IN THE US

COMMUNITY AND CONGRESS PROBABLY HAD NO INTENTION OF CUTTING IT OFF. UNEXPECTED RESULTS SUCH AS TERMINATING THE POPULAR AND OBVIOUSLY BENEFICIAL AND NON-POLITICAL PHILAE CONTRIBUTIONS MAY HELP CREATE MORE REALISTIC APPRECIATION OF POTENTIAL DAMAGE. PRESUMABLY IF PHILAE IS CUT, ALL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS CHanneled THROUGH UNESCO WILL ALSO BE TERMINATED AND THIS WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS OUTSIDE OF MID-EAST. PHILAE PROJECT AND OTHER WORTHWHILE CULTURAL EFFORTS MAY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPT. TO SEEK AMENDMENT OR SOME OTHER CHANGE, IF NOT MORATORIUM, WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONTINUING THIS VALUABLE ASSISTANCE. POINT CAN BE MADE THAT US IMAGE, AS A NATION INTERESTED IN PRESERVING GLOBAL HERITAGE WILL SURELY BE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY WITHHOLDING ASSISTANCE TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS AND THIS CAN ONLY BE PROPERLY DONE IN COOPERATION WITH UNESCO WHERE US WAS DIRECTLY INSTRUMENTAL IN 17TH GENCONF ADOPTION OF IMPORTANT CONVENTION ON PRESERVATION OF WORLD CULTURAL HERITAGE.

4. AS PART OF ANY SUCH EFFORT, DEPT. MAY FIND OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACH RIDER WHICH WOULD PERMIT PAYMENT OF 1974 ARREARAGE AND SO SAVE US VOTE AT 1976 GENERAL CONFERENCE. AMOUNT FUNDS INVOLVED IS SMALL AND TIED TO CULTURAL ISSUE MAY HAVE CHANCE PASSAGE.

5. TO ATTEMPT CIRCUMVENT PROVISIONS OF ACT MAY RESULT IN LOSING TRUMP CARD WHICH COULD BE USEFUL FIRST STEP IN MODIFYING PRESENT LIMITATION. A TOUGH STAND ON THIS ISSUE MAY, IN LONG RUN, PAY DIVIDENDS.
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